

SHIP CARRYING AMERICANS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED AT TOP OF TRACTION COMPANY POLE

Taylor Watkins Was Working on the Great White Way Wiring When He Sustained a Fatal Shock.

THE LUNG MOTOR WAS USED FRUITLESSLY

Dead Man Was Forty Years Old And Leaves a Wife and Two Children—Victim of Prior Accident—Was Revived.

Taylor Watkins, 40, of Virginia avenue, lineman employed by the Monongahela Valley Traction company, was instantly killed at 1 o'clock this afternoon when he in some manner was electrocuted on a pole at the corner of Jackson street and Cleveland avenue. As soon as his body was seen to straighten out and then hang limp on top the wires, assistance was phoned for and the fire department's lung motor, Drs. Ramage and Harness and the city police hurried to the scene. They reached the corner and got in readiness to receive the body when it could be got from the pole. It took a force of four men about five minutes to get the body down after it had hung there 10 minutes. The physicians worked over the body for a half hour while on the corner and then took it to Cook hospital where all possible methods to revive the body were employed. At a late hour this afternoon the body had not been resuscitated.

Watkins leaves a wife and two children who live near Virginia avenue and Thirteenth street, and one brother who works at the New England mine.

He was engaged in putting through new leads in preparation for the Great White Way wiring, and has been a lineman for 20 years.

At the same place where Watkins met his misfortune a man had previously been shocked badly but was revived after working for hours. With this in mind the linemen and the physicians and the lungmotor operator were kept working until it was absolutely useless to work longer.

TWO MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

Thought to Be Those of Vincent And His Helper Foster.

Two bodies, thought to be those of Squire S. L. Vincent, machine cutter, and his assistant John Foster, colored, were brought out from Jamison Mine No. 7 today. The bodies were brought to the Musgrave undertaking establishments at Fairmont where they will likely be viewed by relatives and identified this evening.

The men were found covered by debris in the section of the mine where they were at work and were brought out shortly after noon. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Vincent and Foster were close friends and Vincent would never go into the mine without his "masco" as he affectionately termed his colored "buddy."

There are four bodies yet inside the mine.

FLOUR ADVANCE HITS FAIRMONT

Jumps 60 Cents During the Week and May Go Higher.

A sixty cent advance in the whole-sale barrel price of flour was reached today by Fairmont wholesalers, bringing the wholesale rate on fancy patent spring wheat flour from \$10.55 to \$11.15. Winter wheat flour went from \$8.75 to \$9.15, an advance of forty cents.

"With the rapidly climbing price of wheat, due to an unprecedented shortage, it is the opinion of every big miller in the country that the present prices on flour will be advanced by jumps of fifty cents," said a local miller today.

The best spring wheat flour is now retailing at \$1.30 and \$1.35 in the grocery stores in Fairmont.

"If we are forced to pay \$11.15 for spring wheat flour it can not be sold for less than \$1.50 a sack retail," said a prominent Main street grocery store. Further boosts in the price are expected soon by the flour dealing fraternity in Fairmont.

Drink Crazed Negro Shoots at Deputy

An apparently liquor crazed colored man yesterday afternoon emptied a revolver at a fellow colored man and at George Smith, deputy sheriff.

Smith was attacked by the negro unexpectedly while out walking with Mrs. Smith. He noticed the colored gentleman holding a smoking revolver and just previously had heard two revolver shots. For some reason the negro opened fire on Smith and fired three times but missed. Smith pulling his 44 returned the fire but missed five times. The negro escaped.

RING RULE IN MARION

(An Editorial.)

BUT a few days remain of the campaign of 1916. The tumult and the shouting, the clash of wits and the excitement which from the beginning has been dear to the hearts of the American people are about over, and each individual citizen is face to face with the real issues and the moral values at stake. Partisan enthusiasm has largely spent its force and the voter is confronted with a sense of his own responsibility and with the knowledge that the result of the election Tuesday of next week will have a profound effect upon the future of the nation, the state, the county and the town in which he lives.

We are not going to discuss candidates at this time. Nor are we going far afield in a consideration of issues. We are going to talk about conditions right here at home, and then leave the matter of the proper course of action on election day to the intelligence of the conscientious voter. Most voters expect to spend the major portion of their lives here. Many of them are now rearing families or expect to rear families here. All of them know the difference between right and wrong.

The first thing for the voter to consider is the political condition. He finds the county and even the City of Fairmont, in spite of its supposititious bipartisan commission government, in the iron grip of a narrow, selfish, thoroughly callous and self-perpetuating Ring. In a small way this Ring is freer from the restraints of law than any monarch in Europe today. Nowhere in this country, except possibly in the coal counties of Colorado, has the feudal theory of government as it is seen from the top, ever obtained such a firm hold as right here in Marion county in this year of grace. There is an impression that the French Revolution disposed of lettres de cachet for all time, but it is a fact that here the powers that be do not take the trouble to prepare royal warrants. Men are thrust into jail and taken out at a nod from those on the inside of the circle.

Naturally a government unscrupulous enough and cowardly enough to take such liberties with the persons of people who are not able to protect themselves would not hesitate to go to great lengths with the funds supplied by the taxpayers. The accounts of county officers to be sure are audited. There is no barefaced thievery. But it is years since any one who is not controlled absolutely by the Ring has been permitted to see what actually goes on in the dark places where the invisible government is carried on—what favoritism is shown; how money is wasted; what maladministration there is, all under the color of law. The only thing that the people are permitted to know is that the cost of government is mounting rapidly. That the total sum expended has reached immense proportions for a county containing but 60,000 people is painfully apparent, while the quality of service that is given is palpably deteriorating.

But these things, comparatively speaking, are not so bad in a nation where municipal government has not until very recently, and then only in widely separated localities, been good, and county government has been notoriously bad. They might be passed over with the remark that these are matters which time will rectify. There is, however, a moral side to the problem that confronts the Marion county voter, and this, looked at squarely, is appalling enough to give pause to the most heedless. For Gang government in Marion county in its moral aspect is almost unbelievably bad. It is worse than bad. It is a pestilence which carries demoralization with it. Under its malignant influence we are slipping backward every day. There is quite as much drunkenness on the streets as there was when we had saloons, and vice is beginning to flaunt itself in the very heart of the city. The streets after dark are no longer safe places for unescorted women. Young girls are subjected to dangers and temptations that would have seemed impossible a year ago.

All this because it is believed by those who control the Ring that it serves purposes useful to it to protect and encourage a vicious element which once was small, but which has now grown to such proportions that it is a problem and a menace.

These, Mr. Voter, are the actual conditions that confront you and yours. Think them over. See if it does not appear to you that the time is ripe to smash this lawless and Godless Ring to the end that government be restored to the people and our girls and boys be protected from contamination and ruin!

BANNER MEETING OF OHIO FIGHT

Charles E. Hughes Will Speak at the State Capital Tonight.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 30.—What Republicans say will be the banner meeting of their Ohio campaign will be held in Columbus tonight with Chas. E. Hughes, presidential candidate, the center of attraction.

Republican state headquarters announced it had received word that delegations from many Ohio cities will come for the meeting.

Mr. Hughes, accompanied by his wife will arrive at 7 p. m. from Zanesville and is to deliver his address at 8 o'clock.

He leaves for Indianapolis after midnight.

For the sake of a few votes the Democratic county ring protects bootlegging and makes a joke of the Yost law. Vote the ring out of office.

Each Voter Will Get Two Ballots

COUNTY CLERK AMENDMENT MUST BE VOTED FOR ON SEPARATE BALLOT.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 30.—Circuit Clerks of West Virginia have been directed by the Secretary of State to make a separate ballot for the general election on the county court amendment to the constitution which is to be voted on at that time.

The suffrage amendment question goes on the ballot with the national and state ticket.

The fact that the act of the legislature providing for the submission of the county court amendment specifically provides that a separate ballot be used was at first overlooked in the secretary of State's office when the sample ballots were prepared.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer Tuesday.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS
F. P. Hall, Observer
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 45.
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 76; minimum 35; precipitation none.

COSTS \$15 A WEEK EACH AT THE COUNTY HOME

Board Bill For County Dependents is Higher Than Most Fairmont Hotels Would Charge for Similar Service.

Early in the campaign the Republican county committee printed as an advertisement and circulated on handbills some facts taken from the annual financial statement of the county which brought out in sharp relief the mismanagement, extravagance and favoritism that characterize county affairs as they are now conducted.

The Democratic candidates, who have been conducting a still hunt campaign, sneaking around the county, corrupting the first voters and buying up votes wherever they can, studiously avoided mention of this advertisement. They even declined to talk about it when they could get away with that policy, and when they were compelled to go into the matter they did not tell the truth.

Finally, after a long time, they issued a pamphlet bearing the truly interesting title, "Questionable Campaign Methods of the Republican Committee Exposed," in which an attempt is made to explain away the charges made by the Republicans.

This pamphlet is being circulated

clandestinely, like a piece of Nihilist literature in Russia. And, well it might be, for it contains some of the most amazing statements that ever were made about the county of Marion. More than that, in one instance at least, it contains an admission about the rottenness of gang government here which will speed the overwhelming defeat of the gang candidates if the taxpayers of Marion county are at all interested in what becomes of their money.

It admits that the cost of maintaining the poor farm is \$14,835.20 less the earnings of the farm which are \$737.70 from the sale of live stock and over \$200 from the sale of butter. This reduces the net cost to the taxpayers to something less than \$14,000. Inasmuch as there are only about 20 dependents living on the farm that brings the average monthly cost of their keep to something in the neighborhood of \$60 per month of \$15 a week each.

At that rate it would be cheaper for the taxpayers to board the county's poor at one of the first class Fairmont hotels.

MRS. McDONALD DIED TODAY AT COOK HOSPITAL

Well Known Woman Was Wife of Late A. Bruce McDonald.

Mrs. Anna Jolliffe MacDonald, wife of the late A. Bruce McDonald and one of the best known women of the city died this morning shortly before 8 o'clock at Cook Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. MacDonald had been in ill health for the last two years, and in that time had spent several months in various institutions in hope that she would derive permanent benefit. At times she improved but for the last several months her health had failed rapidly. For several weeks she had been a patient at the hospital where her death occurred.

The deceased was a daughter of the late George W. and Amarah Miller Jolliffe, pioneer residents of Monongalia and Marion counties. She was born and had spent her entire life in this city. She was united in marriage with A. Bruce McDonald, a former well known citizen whose death occurred in Irvington, Ala., two years ago. Four children were born to the union, one of whom Mrs. Hazel Embrey, wife of G. Willard Embrey survive. A grand son Willard Bruce Embrey also survives. The deceased children, all of whom died in infancy, were James, William, Clayton and Samuel.

Several brothers and sisters also survive namely, Mrs. Rebecca McKinley, of Montclair, N. J., Dr. J. Clint Jolliffe of Munice, Ind., French Jolliffe of Cincinnati, O., Bryson Jolliffe, of Pittsburgh, Pa., J. C. Jolliffe of Danville Ill., and Amarah Jolliffe, Dale and John Jolliffe, all of Pittsburgh. Mrs. McKinley has been at her sister's bedside for the last several weeks.

Mrs. MacDonald was for twenty five years a member of the Methodist Protestant Temple in this city and was a woman of splendid Christian character. She was also a devoted member of the W. C. T. U. Her long illness and death has occasioned the deepest sorrow among her relatives and in the home circle.

Funeral services are announced to be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late residence on Pierpont avenue and interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones. Rev. A. E. Fletcher of Pittsburgh formerly of this city will conduct the services assisted by Dr. J. C. Broomfield of the M. P. Temple.

To Serve Lunch for Nurse Auto Fund

The Public Health Nursing service have completed plans to serve a lunch section night in the service rooms at the M. P. Temple. They will serve ham sandwiches, waffles and hot coffee, and solicit the patronage of election news gatherers who will be in that vicinity election night. The object of the lunch is to provide funds to purchase a runabout for the use of Miss Elizabeth Voak, the public nurse.

Miss Voak's work takes her through a wide territory much of which is not reached by street car service and the time consumed in waiting for cars where they are available greatly retards her work which is very heavy. Donations of ham sandwiches, coffee and waffles are solicited by the organization which should be reported to Mrs. T. I. Brett by telephone. Bell 322.

Sample of How Bowen's Act Strikes Public

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 30.—Disgraced with the disgraceful methods resorted to in Fairmont by the Democratic campaign managers in refusing Judge Robinson, the Republican candidate for Governor, permission to speak from the court house steps, T. A. Gemas, a life-long Democrat of Kanawha county, has written a letter to a local Republican newspaper stating that he will vote the straight Republican ticket and that his brothers, also Democrats, will do likewise.

In his letter to the Charleston Post, Mr. Gemas says:

"I have been a life-long Democrat. My father before me was a Democrat. My brothers are Democrats, but sir, we intend to vote the straight Republican ticket. After that distinguished jurist, Judge Robinson, invaded Marion county, my party state headquarters, and after disgraceful reception they gave him I cannot stand for it. I believe the Democratic mayor was unpatriotic. His act was un-American. Who ever heard of McGraw Democrats or the lamented Kenna doing the like? Watson's ideas are not in keeping with the Democracy of our state and this government. I believe in free religion, free speech and pursuit of happiness unmolested. I remain, yours for the success of Ira E. Robinson.

"L. A. GEMAS,
"612 Fourth Avenue, Charleston, W. Va."

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 30.—There were 50 Americans on the British ship *Marinna* reported torpedoed without warning in today's dispatches from London, when she sailed from Newport News. The Americans were assigned here as horsemen. They are all white and gave their homes as in various sections of the United States. Local agents for the owners of the *Marinna* say cable advices reported the vessel leaving Glasgow for Newport News on October 25 in ballast.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Destruction of the British horse transport *Marinna* by a German submarine without warning with possible loss of American lives and the endangering of lives of seven American citizens in the submarine attack on the British freighter *Rowanmore*, reported from Queenstown, today by American Consul Frost contained possibilities of reviving the submarine issue between the United States and Germany. Investigation, officials realize, may disclose that there has been no violation of German pledges to the United States.

Nevertheless the first report incomplete and transmitted by the American consul as "provisional" caused some uneasiness.

The report on the destruction of the *Marinna* referred to the ship as a British horse transport. If it turns out that she was in fact in the transport service of the British government it may be found that a mixed crew of British and American horse tenders could claim none of the immunity attack without warning that attaches to a merchant ship.

Orders were dispatched at once to gather all information to determine the status of the *Marinna* and her crew.

Although no American lives were lost in the submarine attack on the *Rowanmore* and the ship altered her own status if she made an attempt to escape officials were disturbed by the report that the boats were shelled after they had cleared from the abandoned ship. The facts are expected to be determined by investigation which was ordered to begin at once.

REPUBLICAN RALLIES TONIGHT.
Ex-Senator Alex. R. Campbell and Rollo J. Conley will speak tonight at a Republican meeting at Downs, Harry Shaw, J. A. Meredith and Brooks S. Hutchinson will address a gathering of the voters at Winfield. Both of the meetings begin at 7:30.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The 1916 tax books are now completed and ready for collection. The books for all Districts will be found at the Sheriff's Office daily until Nov. 30th, the close of the discount period except Mannington district, which will be found at the Bank of Mannington. Please pay today as I have more time to wait on you now than later.

C. D. CONAWAY, Sheriff

THE SUBMARINE ISSUE MAY BE REVIVED BY IT

Washington Authorities Have Ordered Thorough Investigation.

SHIP'S BOATS SHELLED

Rowanmore May Have Tried to Run Away From Submarine.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Oct. 30.—American embassy today received a report from Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, that the British steamship *Marinna* had been torpedoed without warning.

It is believed that a number of Americans were on board.

Only 34 members of the crew of 104 have been picked up and landed at Crookhaven, Ireland.

The *Marinna* which had been engaged in trans-Atlantic service, was a vessel of 5,204 tons gross and built in 1900. She was last reported as having arrived in Glasgow, October 10 after having sailed from Newport News on September 21. Mr. Frost is now procuring affidavits from survivors.

A report on the sinking on October 26 of the British steamship *Rowanmore* also was made to the American embassy today by Mr. Frost who states that the vessel was torpedoed, seven Americans, including five Filipinos, were on board the *Rowanmore*.

Several of them have given Mr. Frost affidavits stating that a submarine shelled the life boats while they were being lowered and after they were clear of the ship without causing loss of life.

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LABORERS 28c Per Hour

New Normal School grounds, Locust Avenue.

NOTICE

City taxes are now due and payable at the City Treasurer's Office, Monroe street. A discount of 2½% will be allowed.

J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.